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RAND Abstract for a Survey Vendor for the 2022 Survey of Health Care Privacy in the Military

Overview

The RAND National Defense Research Institute (RAND NDRI) has been contracted by the Department of Defense (DoD) to design, implement, and analyze the **DoD 2022 Survey of Health Care Privacy in the Military** (**HCP**). The purpose of this survey is to better understand active duty service members' perceptions of the privacy of mental health information and how such perceptions affect decisions—including whether to seek mental health care. DoD and the Services may use the results from this survey to inform policies and programs to optimize privacy and confidentiality practices with respect to the disclosure of mental health information.

We are currently soliciting cost proposals from qualified survey research organizations to administer and manage the technical operations for the **HCP** survey. The **HCP** survey is a web-based survey of approximately 55,000 - 66,000 active duty personnel worldwide. The survey topics include background and demographics; knowledge, opinions, and concerns about mental health care policies, privacy, and services in the military; and health status and receipt of care for mental health issues. The **HCP** is a confidential, web-based survey that takes approximately 30 minutes to complete. Given the sensitivity of the survey topics and potential risks to military members if their confidentiality was breached, RAND will apply for a **Certificate of Confidentiality** from the National Institutes of Health. The target population for this survey includes all Active Duty personnel worldwide not enrolled as cadets in service academies, senior military colleges, and other ROTC programs. Flag officers (those at or above the pay grade of O7), will also be excluded. The size of the sample frame will be across various strata based on branch of service and pay grade.

Period of Performance

The period of performance for this contract shall be 8 months from January 03, 2022 to August 31, 2022. The vendor will perform the 7 major service tasks over this 8-month period of performance.

SOLICITATION RESPONSE DETAILS

Interested vendors should respond by **Thursday May 20th, 2021, Noon (PDT) to request RFP.**

Please send any questions you may have regarding information described in this study abstract to Zachary Cook at zcook@rand.org.

RFP will be sent by **Thursday May 20th, 2021, 3:00 PM (PDT)**.

Bidder Questions need to be submitted in writing by **Thursday May 27th, 2021**, **3PM (PDT)**.

Responses to Bidder Questions will be provided in writing by **Thursday June 3rd, 2021, Noon (PDT)**.

Proposals need to be submitted by **Tuesday June 18th, 2021, 3:00 PM (PDT)**.

RFP Evaluation Criteria
Qualifications of proposed project manager(s),
Proposed study cost / price
Demonstrated experience performing similar work for DoD clients in the past
Past Performance on Federal or State Contracts
Key Personnel past performance on similar fielded study or research
Data Systems Security
Data Use Security
Proposed study scalability and mobilization plan
Proposed technical execution of study services tasks
Best value with all factors considered